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SUBJ: MUZOREWA PRESS CONFERENCE IN IVORY COAST

REF: (A) ABIDJAN 2559 (NOTAL), (B) MONROVIA 1652

1. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS OF PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA MARCH 11 DURING HIS VISIT TO IVORY COAST.

2. MUZOREWA REGRETTED THE ATTITUDE OF CERTAIN FOREIGN POWERS WHO SEEK TO DIVIDE THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT BY GIVING EXCLUSIVE SUPPORT TO "MINI-GROUPS" SUCH AS THOSE OF MUGABE-NKOMO. THIS ATTITUDE IS A TIME-BOMB WHICH WILL LEAD TO CIVIL WAR AND THE BLOOD WHICH FLOWS WILL BE THE FAULT OF THOSE WHO ENCOURAGE THIS DIVISION.

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3. THE OAU STILL OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZES THE ANC AS THE GROUP WHICH REPRESENTS THE ZIMBABWEAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT. IT IS NKOMO WHO LEFT THE ANC AND IT IS UP TO HIM TO RETURN TO IT. MUZOREWA SAID IF HE CAME TO POWER HE WOULD SHARE RESPONSIBILITIES WITH THE OTHER FACTIONS AS HIS MOVEMENT IS FOR UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

4. MUZOREWA SAID HE BELIEVED THE BRITISH PROPOSALS WERE SERIOUS

AND URGED THE UK TO TAKE AN EVEN MORE ACTIVE ROLE. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN THE US AND SAID "IT'S THANKS TO THE UNITED STATES THAT IAN SMITH HAS CEDED, AT LEAST HALF-WAY." HE ADDED HE THOUGHT THE US AND GREAT BRITAIN COULD BE OF GREAT SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND THAT THE ANC ACCEPTED THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE.

5. MUZOREWA NOTED THE POSITION OF THE ANC WAS TO CONTINUE THE ARMED STRUGGLE BUT ALSO TO BE READY TO "EXTEND OUR HAND" IN NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THE ENEMY WAS READY TO DO SO.

6. COMMENT: DURING VISIT TO IVORY COAST, MUZOREWA WAS RECEIVED BY MINISTER OF STATE AUGUSTE DENISE BUT NOT RPT NOT BY HOUPHOUET (SEE REF A). MUZOREWA DID NOT CONTACT EMBASSY BEFORE LEAVING OVER WEEKEND FOR ACCRA.
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